

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: A METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING ACTIVE SUBSTANCES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "claims 1 and/or 2",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 4, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 3",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 5, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 4",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 6, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 6 to 7",
insert --claim 6--;

Claim 7, line 1, delete "to 8";

Claim 8, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 9",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 9, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 10",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 10, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 11",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 11, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 12",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 12, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 13",
insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.